

Legend

Ability to Meet Needs of Town	Rating
Completely Meets Needs of Town	5
Moderately Meets Needs of Town	3
Needs additional Recommendations to Meet Needs of Town	1

Staff Impact	Rating
Minimally impacts existing Department staffing	5
Moderately impacts existing Department staffing	3
Highly impacts existing Department staffing	1

Cost to implement/ Maintain	Rating
Relatively Low Cost to Implement/ Maintain	5
Moderate Cost to Implement/ Maintain	3
High Cost to Implement/ Maintain	1

Community Benefit	Rating
Broad Community Benefit (most inclusive)	5
Balanced Community/ Specific Group Benefit	3
Primarily Specific Group/ Individuals (least inclusive)	1

Ease of Implementation	Rating
Minimial difficulty to implement	5
Moderate ease of implementation	3
Difficult/ Challenging to implement	1

Recommended Timing of Implementation	Rating
Near-term	1-2 years
Mid-term	3-5 years
Long-Term	5-10 years
As Opportunity Arises	

Town of Darien, Connecticut Key Issues Analysis Recommendations Matrix

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Key Issues		Qι	ıalita	tive		C	Quantit	tative		Consultant's Analysis and Professional Expertise				Facto	ors		F		nmer ning	nd	
Rating Scale 5 - priority 3 - opportunity to improve 1 - minor or future issue blank means the issue didn't come up or wasn't addressed Organizational, Marketing & Financial	Public Input/ Stakeholder Mtgs	Public Input (Public Hearings,	Fublic Comment, etc.)	Consultant Team	Staff Input	Online Survey (Invitation/ Open		Facility Assessment/ Level of Service	DATA INPUT RATING	Preliminary Recommendations	Priority Level	PRIORITY	Ability to Meet Needs of Town	Cost to implement/ Maintain	Community Benefit	Ease of Implement	Near Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term	As Opportunity Arises	
leed better marketing and communication of activities and facilities	5		1	3	3		3		15	1.1 - Develop Marketing & Communications Plan to improve awareness and communication.	High	23	5 3	5	5	5	х				
Jtilize equitable user fees	1		1	5	5		1		13	2.1 - Develop Cost Recovery Policy.	High	23	3 5	5	5	5	х				
mprove access to park lands and athletic fields	5		3	5	3		3	5	24	1.4 - Review existing field allocation policy and industry best practices to update current policy.	High	17	3 1	5	3	5		x			
Provide continued staffing to meet current offerings and quality of park acilities	5	1	5	5 5	5		5	5	31	1.3 - Hire and train staff appropriately for current and future parks maintenance demand.	Moderate	21	5 3	3	5	5				х	
Provide staffing for programing and future facilities operations	5	1	5	5 5	5		5	5	31	1.3 - Hire and train staff appropriately for current and future parks programming demand.	Moderate	21	5 3	3	5	5				х	
Expand funding options that provide dedicated revenue for parks & ecreation (impact fees, tax levy, bond referendum, grant opportunities)			1	3	3		1		8	2.2 - Explore alternative funding opportunities.	Moderate	19	1 5	5	3	5				х	
Programming																					
Explore opportunities to develop alternative athletic programs	3	1	3	5 5	3		3	1	19	3.3 - Based on demand and trends consider developing alternative athletic programs (pickle ball, disc golf, archery, etc.).	High	23	5 5	5	3	5	x				
ncrease number of community/ cultural events (festivals, farmers market, music, arts and events in the parks)	5	1	1	3	3		5	1	19	3.2 - Explore opportunities to increase community events/ recreational activities based on demand and trends.	High	23	5 3	5	5	5	х				
Need more recreational programming for families, teens, and seniors.	3	1	1	3	3		3	1	15	1.2 - Increase appropriate partnerships and collaboration with alternative service providers. 3.1 - Expand recreational program opportunities for teens, families, and seniors.	Moderate	21	5 3	3	5	5		x			
ncrease specialty programs in wellness/fitness, special needs, etc.	3	1		3	3		3	1	14	1.2 - Increase appropriate partnerships and collaboration with alternative service providers; 3.1 - Expand programs in wellness/ fitness, and special needs.	Moderate	19	5 3	3	3	5		x			
Develop outdoor/ nature-based/ environmental program offerings	3	1	1	3	1		3	1	13	3.3 - Based on demand and trends consider expanding outdoor/ nature-based/ environmentally focused programs.	Moderate	19	5 5	1	3	5		х			

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Rating Scale 5 - priority 3 - opportunity to improve 1 - minor or future issue blank means the issue didn't come up or wasn't addressed	Public Input/ Stakeholder Mtgs	Public Input (Public Hearings, Public Comment, etc.)	Existing Documents	Consultant Team	Staff Input	Online Survey (Invitation/ Open Link)	Facility Assessment/ Level of Service	SNIFFORFIGNI	DATA INPUT KATING	Preliminary Recommendations	Priority Level	PRIORITY	Ability to Meet Needs of Town	Cost to implement/ Maintain	munity Benefit		Near Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term	As Opportunity Arises	
Facilities and Amenities Maintain and improve existing facilities	5	5		5	5	5	5	3	30	4.1 - Maintain and improve existing park facilities to enable improved access for all ages and abilities; upgrade existing structures and site amenities.	High	16	5 3	3 3		5	×		Ī		
Renovate and update Pear Tree Point Beach	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	2		4.9 - Develop Individual park master plan. Plan and renovate Pear Tree Point Beach (including: pavilion, concession area, restoration of shoreline, ADA renovations, and shade).	High	17	5 1	1 3	5	3	×	(
Improve water access/ rental opportunities at beaches	3	1	3	5	3	5	3	2		4.8 - Develop new amenities at existing parks based on level of service demand. Explore options for water equipment rentals.	High	23	3 5	5 5	5	5	×	(
Explore development of trail system within parks and connectivity to parks	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	3	33	4.3- Expand walking path and trail connectivity by exploring options to construct accessible multi-use trails in select parks.	High	17	5 1	1 3	5	3	×	(
Explore opportunities for town lands/parcels (Ox Ridge, Short Lane, Diller, Edgerton)	3	1	3	5	5	3	3	2	23	4.9 - Develop individual master plans for parks and town parcels to meet current and future needs of Town.	High	17	5 1	1 3	5	3	X	(
Provide additional shade at parks and beaches	5	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	17	4.8 - Develop new amenities at existing parks. Explore options to add shade at parks and beaches (plantings or shade structures).	Moderate	20	5 5	5 5		5		×			
Provide sailing facility at Weed Beach	3	5	3	5	3	3	3	2	25	4.5 - Develop additional sailing facilities to meet current and future Town and DJST demands.	Moderate	17	5 3	3 3	3	3		×			
Make needed repairs and expand restrooms	3	3	3	5	3	5	5	2		4.1 - Maintain and improve existing park facilities to enable improved access for all ages and abilities; renovate/upgrade restrooms to meet needs of users (families, special needs).	Moderate	16	5 3	3 3		5		х			
Develop dog park	5	1	1	3	3	3	3	1		4.7 - Develop a dog park to meet current demand for enclosed dog run area	Moderate	13	1 3	3 3	3	3		×			
Improve signage town-wide and within parks	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	13	4.2 - Improve wayfinding and directional signage throughout town.	Low	17	5 3	3 1	5	3			х		
Provide more parking	3	1	3	3	3	3	5	2	21	4.9 - Develop Individual park master plan to shift pressure from parks and identify parking demands.	Low	17	3 5	5 3	5	1			х		
Add aquatic facility (outdoor or indoor)	5	5	5	5	3	5	3	3	31	4.4 - Explore and develop aquatic facility to meet current and future demand within Town.	High	15	5 1	1 1	5	3			х		
Rehabilitate/ upgrade/ install new playgrounds	1	3	1	3	3	3	3	1	17	4.1 - Maintain and improve existing park facilities to enable improved access for all ages and abilities; upgrade/ expand/ new existing playgrounds.	Moderate	12	3 3	3 3		3			х		
Explore opportunity to develop paddle courts	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	13	4.8 - Develop new amenities at existing parks based on level of service.	Low	6	1 1	1 1		3			х		
As opportunities arise look at acquiring additional park lands	5	5	5	5	3	3	5	3	31	4.11 - Working with the community look for opportunities to acquire open space to enhance park system.	High	19	5 3	3 3	5	3				х	
Provide seasonal ice rink	1	5	3	3	1	3	3	1		4.6 - Explore and develop seasonal ice rink opportunities in partnership with DYHA.	Moderate	17	5 3	3 3	3	3				х	
Expand ADA access throughout park system		3	1	5	3	5	5	2	22	4.10 - Improve accessibility of paths, amenities, and existing park structures.	High	14	5 3	3 3		3				х	

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					Facto	rs		R		nmend ing		
Master Plan - Park Concepts	General Description of Concept	Priority Level	PRIORITY	Ability to Meet Needs of Town	Cost to implement/ Maintain	Community Benefit	Ease of Implement	Near Term	Mid-Term		As Opportunity Arises	Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost
CONCEPTS FOR PARKS & RECREATION MAS												
Baker Park - Concept A	Reconfigured parking, reconstructed playground, construct basketball, and improved pathway system.	Moderate	23	3 5	_	_	5		Х			\$ 926,000.00
Cherry Lawn Park - Concept A	Construct fenced dog run, reconstruct basketball court, and expand community garden.	Moderate	15	3 5	3	1	3	Х				\$ 1,442,000.00
Cherry Lawn Park - Concept B	Construct outdoor pool in place of existing field, expanded parking area, and expand community garden.	High	11	3 1	1	3	3			Х		\$ 5,017,000.00
Cherry Lawn Park - Concept C	Construct outdoor pool in place of tennis courts, expanded parking area, expand community garden	High	11	3 1	1	3	3			Х		\$ 5,374,000.00
Diller Parcel - Concept A	Construct pathway system, construct playground, and park stalls.	Moderate	21	3 5	5 5	3	5		х			\$ 885,000.00
Frate Park - Concept A	Construct seating area, install trees, and construct pathway connecting memorials/gardens.	Low	23	5 5	5 5	3	5			Х		\$ 94,000.00
McGuane Park - Concept A	Expand existing playground, provide fencing and seating, and improve pathways.	Moderate	19	3 5	5 5	1	5			Х		\$ 211,000.00
Pear Tree Point Beach - Concept A	Construct bathhouse, construct seawall, restore dunes, construct fishing pier, and improve boat ramp.	High	21	5 5	3	5	3	Х				\$ 2,308,000.00
Pear Tree Point Beach - Concept B	Rehabilitate/Expand bathhouse, construct seawall, restore dunes, construct fishing pier, and improve ramp	High	21	5 5	3	5	3	Х				\$ 2,081,000.00
Sellecks Woods - Concept A	Improve pathway system, construct parking stalls, provide signage, and construct native plant garden.	Moderate	19	3 5	3	3	5		х			\$ 90,000.00
Stony Brook Park - Concept A	Improve pathway system, reconstruct parking area, provide signage and seating.	Low	17	1 5	3	5	3			Х		\$ 285,000.00
Tilley Pond Park - Concept A	Reconstruct pathways, construct playground, provide shade structures, and provide for temp stage.	Moderate	23	3 5	5 5	5	5		х			\$ 586,000.00
Town Hall Fields - Concept A	Construct pathway system, enhance ballfields, provide pedestrian bridge and signage.	Moderate	23	3 5	5 5	5	5		Х			\$ 595,000.00
Town Hall Fields - Concept B	Construct indoor aquatic facility, construct pathway system, provide parking area, and provide signage.	Moderate	13	5 1	1	5	1			Х		\$ 13,689,000.00
Weed Beach - Concept A	Construct outdoor aquatic facility, construct boat/bathhouse, and construct pathway.	High	13	3 1	1	5	3			Х		\$ 5,970,000.00
Weed Beach - Concept B	Construction splash pad, construct boathouse, paddle courts, and construct pathway.	Moderate	17	3 3	3	5	3	Х				\$ 2,890,000.00
Woodland Park - Concept A	Construct dog run, restore pathways, and provide signage.	Moderate	17	3 5	3	3	3		Х			\$ 702,000.00